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What: 58th Dixie National Livestock Show and Rodeo

When: Tuesday, February 7, and Wednesday, February 8

Where: Mississippi State Fairgrounds

Schedule of 58th Annual Dixie National Livestock Show and Rodeo Events Taking Place Today, Tuesday, February 7, and Wednesday, February 8

STATE FAIRGROUNDS, Miss. – Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Andy Gipson invites everyone to attend the 58th annual Dixie National Livestock Show and Rodeo and announces the schedule of events taking place today, Tuesday, February 7, and Wednesday, February 8, 2023. All events take place on the Mississippi State Fairgrounds.

The Mary Hopkins Memorial Equestrians with Disabilities AQHA Show continues today inside the Kirk Fordice Equine Center at 9:00 a.m. This unique event exhibits multiple horse skills from a variety of riders with some form of disability. This year, over 25 exhibitors from Indiana, Wisconsin, Illinois, Texas, Arkansas, Missouri and Tennessee will face off in a series of competitions including horsemanship, Para reigning, western pleasure and more. This event is free to the public.

Also, the famous Dixie National Wagon Train will be rolling into Jackson this week, on Thursday, February 9, and Friday, February 10. Each year, groups from across the state make the long trek to the Capitol City in true, western style riding only wagons and mounted horses. Spectators will have the opportunity to observe the wagon trains along Highway 80 and I-55 South on Frontage Road around lunchtime each day.

Scheduled Activities & Events for Tuesday, February 7, 2023:

- o 8:00 a.m. Goat Showmanship Judging Arena/Barn 14
- o 15 minutes after Goat Showmanship Commercial Meat Goat Doe Show Judging Arena/Barn 14
- o 15 minutes after CMGD Show Market Goat Show Judging Arena/Barn 14
- o 9:00 a.m. Equestrians with Disabilities Horse Show Equine Center
- o 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Dixie National Steakhouse Trade Mart
- 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Premier Dairy Goat Exhibitor Contest Farmers Market

Scheduled Activities & Events for Wednesday, February 8, 2023:

- 8:00 a.m. Dairy Goat Show (Showmanship, Commercial Sr. Does, Commercial Jr. Does, Senior Does, Junior Does) Judging Arena/Barn 14
- o 9:00 a.m. Equestrians with Disabilities Horse Show Equine Center
- o 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Dixie National Steakhouse Trade Mart

Events of the 58th Dixie National Livestock Show and Rodeo run through Sunday, February 19, 2023. The Dixie National Rodeo, the largest rodeo east of the Mississippi River, takes place Friday, February 10, through Sunday, February 12, and again Wednesday, February 15, through Saturday, February 18, inside the Mississippi Coliseum at the State Fairgrounds.

Rodeo Entertainment:

Friday, February 10, at 7:00 p.m. – Randy Houser Saturday, February 11, at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. – Chancey Williams Sunday, February 12, at 2:00 p.m. – Mark Chesnutt Wednesday, February 15, at 7:00 p.m. – Lainey Wilson Thursday, February 16, at 7:00 p.m. – Diamond Rio Friday, February 17, at 7:00 p.m. – Casey Donahew Saturday, February 18, at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. – Chris Lane

To purchase tickets to the Dixie National Rodeo, visit https://www.ticketmaster.com/dixie-national-rodeo-tickets/artist/848320. A limited number of concert-only tickets to Lainey Wilson following the February 15 performance of the Dixie National Rodeo are available for purchase at the Mississippi Coliseum Ticket Office.

For more information, visit <u>www.dixienational.org</u>, follow the Dixie National Livestock Show & Rodeo on Facebook or call 601-961-4000.

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